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Applicants : Jordan J. Hopkins et al.
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 GASKETLESS SEAL BETWEEN LIKE METAL COMPONENTS
 IN AN ULTRAHIGH PRESSURE SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on February 23, 2003. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 2 illustrates an assembly 100 of components and/or fittings, such as valves

and plugs, from an ultrahigh pressure fluid containment system. The illustrated components are a check valve 102, a vessel 104, and a plug 106. Each of the components in the assembly 100 can be manufactured from like materials, such as stainless steel. As described in more detail below, the present invention allows the components to be compressed together to form a fluid